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Attached is an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form for the following application:

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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/517,954 First Named Applicant: Roman Cetnar  
 Examiner: Larry Thrower Art Unit: 1742 Status of Application: Advisory Action

## Tentative Participants:

(1) Larry Thrower (2) David Ford  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: Dec. 2, 2010 Proposed Time: 11:00 (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1)  Telephonic (2)  Personal (3)  Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES  NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>Claims 3+4</u>	<u>Kleefeldt</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached  Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented: See attached - 2 pages

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

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Examiner/SPE Signature

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#### SUMMARY OF ARGUMENTS FOR PROPOSED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

In response to your Advisory Action mailed November 16, 2010, Applicant contends that amending independent claim 3 to include dependent claim 4 overcomes the Kleefeldt reference.

The Examiner contends that Kleefeldt discloses an actuating pin 12, which as disclosed in Kleefeldt is part of a metal plate 2, and a first metal plate 14. The Examiner states in the Advisory Action that "the cover 8 is molded to the first metal plate in the mold die and around the actuating pin to at least partially englobe the actuating pin in the cover, which is no less than is required by the instant claims."

However, if the cover 8 is molded to the first metal plate 14 in the mold die and around the actuating pin 12 to at least partially englobe the actuating pin 12 in the cover 8, as the Examiner contends, then the steps in claim 4 cannot be accomplished. Namely, (i) removing the first metal plate 14 and co-molded shell from the mold die, (ii) assembling actuating members to the actuating pin 12, and (iii) placing a second metal plate against a seal gasket to close the housing formed by the shell between the first metal plate 14 and second metal plate. This is because there already is a first metal plate 14 and a second metal plate 2.

#### Proposed claim:

A method for fabricating a supporting assembly for a lock and actuating assembly of a motor vehicle, the lock comprising a plurality of mobile members hinged to corresponding lock pins, the actuating assembly having a plurality of actuating members hinged to an actuating pin for operating the lock, and the supporting assembly comprising a shell made of plastic material defining a housing for at least one of the mobile members of the lock and a first metal plate supporting the lock pins, the method comprising the steps of:

placing the first metal plate into a mold die;

inserting the actuating pin into the mold die separate and spaced from the first metal plate;

molding the shell to the first metal plate in the mold die and around the actuating pin to englobe the actuating pin in the shell; [[and]]

The method as set forth in claim 3 further including the steps of molding a seal gasket around the peripheral edge of the shell in the mold die[.,.];  
removing the first metal plate and co-molded shell from the mold die[.,.];  
assembling the mobile members to the lock pins and the actuating members to the actuating pin housed within the shell[.,.]; and  
placing a second metal plate against the seal gasket to close the housing formed by the shell between the first and second metal plates.